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SUBJECT: TRAVEL PLANS OF "LA NACION" REPORTER

REF: STATE 015933; SAN JOSE 262; SAN JOSE 018

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: "LA NACION" REPORTER
EDGAR EXPINOZA WILL ARRIVE IN LOS ANGELES FROM HIS
FAR EAST TRIP ON FEBRUARY 10. HE EXPECTS TO BE IN
WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 20-28TH, THEN RETURN TO COSTA RICA
BY MARCH 1.

2. ESPINOZA HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF HIS CONTACT POINTS IN
THE FOREIGN PRESS CENTER AND IS PLEASED WITH POTENTIAL
INTERVIEWS AS PER REFTEL.

3. ESPINOZA IS 29 YEARS OLD, SINGLE, AND HAS BEEN WITH
"LA NACION" FOR TEN YEARS. HE COVERS ECONOMIC REPORTING
AND, PARTICULARLY NOW, THE VESCO ISSUE. HE STUDIED
JOURNALISM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF COSTA RICA AND TOOK
SOME COURSES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GAINESVILLE IN
FLORIDA. HE IS A LEADING REPORTER OF THE LEADING
NEWSPAPER OF COSTA RICA. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN CLASSIFIED: ESPINOZA REITERATED HIS
GREAT INTEREST IN OBTAINING AN INTERVIEW WITH
SENATOR JACKSON REGARDING THE VESCO ISSUE. HE IS
HOPEFUL SOMETHING CAN BE WORKED OUT BY THE TIME HE
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ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON. END CLASSIFIED.

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